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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title : DRY ETCHING APPARATUS, ETCHING METHOD AND ME

FORMING A WIRING

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Madam:

In response to the Examiner's telephone call requesting an election in the above-referenced application, applicant elects the method claims 15-25. The election is made without traverse.

## **AMENDMENT**

Kindly also amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Kindly add the following new claims 26-28.

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26. An etching method comprising:

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